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1. DEPT AND DOD BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF EMBASSY, CONGEN, CONAVCOMMSTA, AND PDO REPS ESTABLISH IN-HOUSE AD HOC GROUP TO REVIEW PERIODICALLY STATUS PHASE-DOWN AND EXCESS PROPERTY PROCEDURES. REPORTS DOD RECEIVING FROM NAVCOMMSTA/PDO ARE THAT DISPOSAL PROCEDURES ARE WORKING WELL.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE KEYED TO EMBASSY REQUEST, PARA 2, REF (A).

A. AID MUST MONITOR AND PREPARE END-USER REPORTS FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR FOR ALL PROPERTY TURNED OVER TO

IEG (SEE AID MANUAL ORDER 1415.6 SEC. VII F, DTD 2/25/71). DURING THAT ONE YEAR PERIOD, IEG MUST OBTAIN PRIOR AID APPROVAL TO TRANSFER MOVABLE PROPERTY ELSEWHERE.

B. HOPE'S REQUIREMENTS/ASPIRATIONS PRIMARILY PROBLEM FOR IEG AND HOPE TO RESOLVE. WHILE WE BELIEVE HOPE'S NEEDS SHOULD BE GIVEN SYMPAHTIC CONSIDERATION, WE LEAVE TO EMBASSY'S DISCRETION ADJUDICATION OF COMPETING NEEDS OF OTHER WORTHY IN-COUNTRY PROJECTS. REF (D) PRIMARILY IDENTIFIES MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO IEG, PRESUMABLY FOR PROJECT HOPE. FYI. HOPE OBVIOUSLY WANTS EVERYTHING IT CAN GET. IN VIEW OF IEG AGREEMENT TO TURN OVER VIRTUALLY ALL TRACT E TO THEM IT APPEARS TO US THAT IEG WILL HAVE LITTLE OR NO OPTION TO USE ANY OF TRACT E FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR OTHER THAN HOPE PURPOSES. END FYI. IF EMBASSY/AID BELIEVE THAT SOME EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER CAN BEST BE USED BY IEG OTHER THAN SUPPORTING HOPE'S PROJECT, THEN WHEN AID RECEIVES THE EQUIPMENT FOR TRANSFER TO IEG, IT MAY INDICATE TO IEG IT WOULD HOPE THAT EQUIPMENT BE USED FOR SOME SPECIFIED PURPOSE OTHER THAN PROJECT HOPE.

C. AS HOSPITAL BECOMES IEG PROPERTY AND ITS RESPONSIBILITY, WITH PROJECT HOPE ACTING ONLY AS IEG ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT TO OPERATE HOSPITAL, EXCESS
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PROPERTY IS TO BE GIVEN IEG. AID/W HAS NOT APPROVED PROJECT HOPE REQUIREMENTS AS THIS IS ISSUE BETWEEN HOPE AND IEG. WE EXPECT, HOWEVER, SUCH PROPERTY WILL MEET PROJECT HOPE'S REQUIREMENTS SUBSTANTIALY.

3. FOLLOWING KEYED TO EMBASSY'S QUESTION, PARA 3, REF (A).

A. WE UNDERSTAND FROM NAVY THAT EXCESS EQUIPMENT IDENTIFIED BY DOD (REF D) THAT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER TO IEG UNDER AID/MAAG PROCEDURES HAS NOT BEEN MOVED TO OR PROCESSED BY PDO.

B. ACTUAL TURNOVER OF MOST OF THE EQUIPMENT FOR IEG WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL LATE MAY OR JUNE, AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, SINCE MUCH OF PROPERTY NOW EARMARKED FOR IEG WILL BE IN USE BY NAVY UNTIL THAT TIME. PROPERTY NOT EARMARKED AT THIS TIME FOR IEG (REF D) IS BEING PROPERLY PROCESSED BY CONAVCOMMSTA/PDO. MUCH OF THIS EQUIPMENT IS FROM TRACTS OTHER THAN TRACT E;

CONSEQUENTLY, PDO HAS TO DISPOSE OF EQUIPMENT AS IT IS RECEIVED IN VIEW OF EXPECTED VOLUME.

C. NEED FOR DETERMINATION OF INTENDED RECIPIENT REQUIRED AS STATED IN REF C ET AL. THIS APPLIES ONLY TO THAT PROPERTY WHICH AID/MAAG WILL BE TRANSFERRING TO IEG, IDENTIFIED IN REF D. AS INDICATED ABOVE, THIS EQUIPMENT IS NOT BEING PROCESSED THROUGH PDO. IF EMBASSY, AS STATED IN PARA 3 REF A, ALREADY KNOWS WHAT AGENCIES IN IEG TO GET PROPERTY, THEN THERE IS NO NEED TO CONSULT WITH IEG IN THIS REGARD; THEREFORE, WHEN DOD DETERMINES DATE PROPERTY WILL COME AVAILABLE, AID/MAAG, AS APPROPRIATE, CAN PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH TRANSFER PROCEDURES.

4. EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO PASS TO IEG MAJOR ITEMS OF PROPERTY AND FACILITIES WHICH HOPE HAS REQUESTED FOR IEG'S USE TO RUN HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL TRAINING CENTER. OTHER EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND SO FORTH WILL BE OFFERED FIRST TO OTHER DOD/USG ACTIVITIES AND/OR SOLD AT PDO BEFORE WE WOULD PASS WHOLESALE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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IEG. SHOULD EMBASSY OR CONGEN DESIRE TO ADD TO "OTHER SUPPORT" CATEGORY, REF D, DOD ADVISES THAT IT WILL BE WILLING TO CONSIDER SUCH REQUEST. IN THIS REGARD, THE MONETARY LIMITS RAISED BY CONGEN IN REF B, AS ESTABLISHED IN REF D, WERE BASED ON ANTICIPATED VALUE OF EQUIPMENT ON OPEN MARKET WITHIN COUNTRY. IF REQUIRED DURING COURSE OF TURNOVER IF EMBASSY AND CONGEN WISH TO ADD OTHER ITEMS, PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO OSD (DSAA) TO COVER ADDITIONAL ITEMS NOT NOW ALREADY INCLUDED IN OTHER SUPPORT CATEGORY.

5. EMBASSY AND CONGEN MAY NOW WISH TO CONSIDER TAKING STEPS TO RECONVENE THE JOINT US-IEG COMMISSION TO GIVE IEG SOME INDICATION OF FACILITIES, ETC., AT

TRACT E THAT WILL TURNED OVER ON 30 JUNE 74, PARA 7, REF
E. CONAVCOMMSTA HAS DETAILS ON WHAT FACILITIES DOD
WILL RETAIN FOR RESIDUAL FUNCTIONS.

6. AS INDICATED IN PARA 4B, REF F, (ALSO DISCUSSED
WITH HOPE) WE REMAIN WILLING TO CONSIDER PROVISIONING
OF ELECTRICAL POWER AND WATER TO IEG, AT NO COST TO
USG, TO TRACTS ON A METERED REIMBURSABLE BASIS. WHEN
CONGEN RAISED QUESTION IN DISCUSSION WITH VICEMIN FONAFF
SOLOMON, HE HAD SOME RESERVATION BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE
LEGAL PROBLEMS IN LIGHT OF SEDAO AND MUNICIPALITY'S
MONOPOLY ON PROVISION OF ELECTRIC AND WATER POWER,

RESPECTIVELY. LOCAL ELECTRICAL SERVICE IS 50 CYCLES
WHEREAS SERVICE TO U.S. TRACTS VIA KAGNEW POWER
FACILITY IS 60 CYCLES. THIS COULD PRESENT PROBLEM
FOR IEG AND ITS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PROJECT HOPE IF
IEG HAS TO PURCHASE DIRECTLY FROM LOCAL SOURCES, AS
WELL AS INCREASE COST. WE BELIEVE EARLY DISCUSSION
AND RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER IS ESSENTIAL IF IEG
DESIRES

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